Officer of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have recently been modified in so far as they relate to direct ones; and

(b) if so, the details thereto and the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has intimated that, in order to induct bright young persons at senior management level, the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in its 56th meeting held on 6th September, 1993 decided to amend the existing rules for direct recruitment for the post of Education Officers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan as under :

1. Qualifications :

Essential : Master's Degree with minimum 55% marks.

Desirable : (i) Degree or P. G. Diploma in Management/Public/Personnel Administration/Education.

(ii) 5 years' teaching experience.

2. Age Limit :

35 years (relaxable for SC/STs by 5 years).

Introduction of Vocational Education at Undergraduate Level in Colleges

178. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC have selected some of the colleges for the introduction of vocational education at the undergraduate level at the beginning of the next academic year ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the names of the colleges where it would be introduced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission, in pursuance of the Programme of Action 1992, constituted a Core Committee to identify vocational courses and to develop their course details for implementation at the first degree level.

The Committee has, so far, identified 35 vocational courses in four discipline areas at the first degree level. One of the recommendations of the Committee is that 100 institutions—30 Universities and 70 colleges including autonomous colleges—be allowed to introduce vocational subject as part of their first degree (12+3) programme. It has proposed a set of criteria which could be kept in view while identifying the institutions for implementing the programme. UGC intends to implement the programme in the Eighth Plan subject to the availability of financial resources.

Percentage of Literacy in Rajasthan

179. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of literacy between males and females in Rajasthan ;

(b) the rank of Rajasthan in literacy as compared with other States in the country ;

(c) the steps taken by Government to fulfil the Constitutional obligation to provide education to all (male and female) by the year 2000 A. D. ; and

(d) the total allocation proposed for the Eighth Five Year Plan for education sector in Rajasthan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) According to the 1991 census, the literacy rate amongst males and females in Rajasthan for the population aged 7 years and above was 54.99% and 20.44% respectively.